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From: Simon, Paul
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Eric -- attached is Region 2's markup of the draft letter to Cong. Chaffetz along with a clean version of what we're proposing. I'd like to have a call with you and OGC this afternoon, if possible, to provide a little more context. What is your availability?

Thank you.

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We had just a few suggested edits, all minor. Thanks.
Carrie

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Paul and Carrie:

Based on Joel's response this morning (see below), I am trying to accelerate our schedule for the response letter by getting you a draft today (see attached). Can you please review and comment on the attached draft by noon tomorrow?

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Thanks, Eric. Sounds like a plan. We are 12 hours ahead and I leave here 6 am on Friday so if there's any chance you could send a draft COB Wednesday (which is my Thursday am) I may have an easier time reviewing.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 12, 2016, at 1:56 AM, Burneson, Eric <Burneson.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Joel, Peter, and Betsy:
> Please find attached a letter to EPA from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. In a meeting with OCIR this morning, OW was asked to draft a narrative response to the letter and identify document custodians who might have responsive records. I agreed to serve as the OW point of contact for this and I will need your input as follows.

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> 1. Draft Narrative Response due to OCIR by Friday 7/15 - Lisa Huff, Meredith Russell and I will draft a response with input/review from Region 2 (Paul Simon) and OGC (Carrie Wehling). The response will state that we have initiated a search for responsive records, identify already publicly available documents (from FOIA online) and provide a summary of the actions EPA has taken to assist the State in responding to PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls. We plan to share a draft with OGC and Region 2 by Wednesday. We need OGWDW and OW review of the draft prior to Friday. Peter and Joel; Will your travel schedule enable you to review a draft response prior to our Friday deadline if we get this to you by Thursday?

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> 2. Document Custodians List due to OCIR by Friday 7/15 - OCIR asked Region 2 and OW to identify the individuals in their offices who may be custodians of documents that are responsive to the committee's request for "documents and communications to or from any EPA employee referring to Hoosick Falls, PFOA and/or Perflourooctanoic acid, since May 1, 2014." OCIR will identify the search terms and ask OEI to perform a document search in the records of the identified custodians. The custodians will be asked to review the search results to help determine if the documents are responsive. OCIR is going to consult with both OCSPP and OLEM as to whether their offices may have individuals with responsive records. Betsy: Can you let us know who in OST should be identified as custodians with responsive documents?

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> Thanks in advance for your assistance.
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